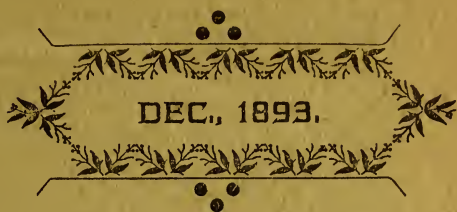


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"While resound the merry chimes
Bringing thoughts of peace, good-will.
Be your Christmas many times
Brighter than all seasons still,
Bliss be with you, joy betide;
Welcome dear old Christmas-tide."

THE pastor will begin a series of illustrated sermons about the first of January. The large pulpit paintings will again be used in these services.

SABBATH morning Dec. 31, the doors of the church will be opened for the reception of new members. This will be the last day of the old year, and will be an appropriate time for those who are out of Christ to turn a "new leaf," and begin the New Year, with a new and better life.

THE Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on New Year's morning at ten o'clock. At this meeting there will be an election for Church and Sabbath School Officers. The different Treasurers will make their reports, and other important business will come before the church. Several amendments to the church constitution will be proposed for action at this meeting. The first, proposing a change in the number of church officers, from three elders and three deacons to four of each, and their term of office to be limited to two years. An other amendment will be recommended for action providing for the election of a Financial Secretary. It is important that every member of the church should attend this meeting.

SERVICES will be held during the week of prayer, beginning Sabbath, Jan. 7th. These meetings may be continued for a couple of weeks. The Mid-Winter Communion Service will be held Sabbath, Jan. 28th. The meetings to be held prior to the communion service, we trust may be owned and blessed of the Lord in the conversion of many souls. Let us pray earnestly for a revival in the church.

At a recent meeting of our Y. P. S. C. E. Society, \$10 per year was voted for Missionary work in Japan.

TICKET.

ELECTION JANUARY 1ST.

ELDERS, two years term.—D. W. Souder, Valentine Monn.

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Church Dedication at Goshen.

Sabbath, Nov. 19th, the pastor had the pleasure of being present at the dedication of the new church at Goshen. This was a day of happy realizations for the members of this church. For nearly six years they have been looking forward to the time when they might worship in a new house, dedicated to the Lord. To this end we had worked, and prayed ourselves, and had great anxieties, so we could enter fully into the spirit of rejoicing with these people in seeing their hopes and prayers so fully realized.

The new church is the finest in the city. It is altogether modern, and we do not see what improvements could be made upon it, either to enhance its beauty or convenience. The church building cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000. This amount was all provided for before the day of dedication. To the liberality, ingenuity, and zeal of Elder Platter is to be attributed much of the success of this enterprise. The building was largely planned and superintended by him. Cass Chapman, of Chicago, who has furnished the plans and drawings for our new church, was the architect of the Goshen church. After seeing and speaking in this church, we have full confidence in the ability of Mr. Chapman as a competent architect for church buildings, and we feel certain that our new building will be satisfactory in every particular.

The dedication of the church at Goshen took place on Sabbath morning. The sermon was preached by Dr. Van Horn, President of the Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. Sabbath evening, the pastor, Rev. B. B. Royer, was installed. The attendance at the services morning, afternoon and evening, was large. The audience room of the church will seat about two hundred and fifty, the Sabbath School rooms about the same number; so that when the doors are thrown open between the rooms, about five hun-

dred people can be seated. The people at Goshen feel greatly encouraged with their out-look. They have now an excellent building, and a pastor who promises to do a good work among them. We pray that the blessing of God may rest upon this church and prosper it abundantly.

Rededication of a Reformed Church.

Sabbath, Dec. 10th, the pastor spent with Rev. L. B. Clayton, pastor of the Bunkerhill Charge, in Williams County, Ohio. It was the occasion of the rededication of one of the churches of this charge and the installation of the pastor. Rev. J. H. Albright, of Hudson, Ind., was also present and assisted in these services. The Bunkerhill Charge is composed of three congregations, and is located in one of the best farming communities in Northwestern Ohio. The churches are within short distances of Bryan, the county seat of Williams County. Services were held on Saturday evening at Pulaski. The evening was very unfavorable and the attendance was not large. This congregation has a large and handsome brick structure capable of seating about five hundred people. In this little town and near by the church we found the parish home, the residence of the pastor and his good wife. Sabbath morning Brother Clayton took us into his carriage and conveyed us over the icy roads four miles to north of the little village, to Salem Church, more commonly known as the Bunkerhill Church; here the rededicatory and installation services of the day were to be held, and for once we were to have the privilege of speaking on Bunkerhill. This congregation has a very fine church property, a brick structure with a seating capacity of about four hundred. Recently some repairs and changes were made on the church, within and without. The tower was lowered and reconstructed. Inside, the ceiling was lowered and altered, and the church papered

throughout. A choir stand was built and carpeted. Repairs were made on the church at an expense of nearly \$400. The church now presents a very attractive appearance. The means for the requisite changes and repairs made were about provided for, so there was no special soliciting to be done at the reopening service. The dedication service was held in the morning at 10:30. Considering the inclemency of the weather and the amount of sickness in the community, the attendance was quite large at this service. In the afternoon the installation service took place. Rev. J. H. Albright preached the sermon. This was also a very interesting and impressive service. The sermon was replete with good thoughts, and with excellent counsel to the people. The members of this church are to be congratulated upon the work which they have been doing, and upon their promising outlook for the future. The membership is not large but the people are willing and eager to work, and the church is in a community where there are many people who are available to the church, and we feel confident that with a full and hearty co-operation with their devoted pastor this church will grow. In the evening Brother Albright preached at what is called the Beaver Creek Church, the third congregation belonging to this charge. We have never been to this church, but the pastor informed us that this congregation has also a very handsome brick church building, and a great field for work. Sabbath evening we were privileged to preach for the congregation at Pulaski. We were very much pleased with the outlook for the Reformed Church in this locality, and we shall hope for great results from the work of these churches and their pastor during this winter. For many years we have been solicitous about our church interests in this community, and in the town of Bryan. In this growing city we have a large number of Reformed families. Some have gone

into other churches, but many are still without church homes. We have no doubt but that a congregation of twenty or more members could be organized in this place without much difficulty, and we trust the day is not far distant when a Reformed church will be planted in this city. Steps should be taken to this end soon or our opportunities will be gone.

THE following ladies earned dollars for the "Carpet Fund," and have reported the same to the Society:

Mesdames R. Gavin, S. Wertman, J. Longergan, Chas. Segar, W. Ketler, G. W. Soliday, L. M. Miller, Geo. Hesser, J. Certia, Fred Eckart, F. D. Paulus, M. Jackson, N. W. Bloom, J. Evard, J. Blum, J. Rudisil, F. Pfeiffer, V. Monn, D. W. Souder, Ed. Miller, A. K. Zartman, W. Habecker, M. Connett, J. E. Beahler, Frank Bercot, P. A. Archer, W. Kirkham, C. Niereiter, A. C. Kalt, C. C. Gumpfer, Chas. Gumpfer, J. Bottger, J. W. Vining, F. Cour, Miss Nellie French, Miss Emma Bercot. Half dollars; Misses Florence Wait, Libbie Felker, Katie Snyder, Josie Zartman, Carrie Souder, Lizzie Rudisil. Mary Rudisil, Mattie Monn, Flora Monn, Etta Souder, Anna Souder, Alice Connett, Emma Ketler. The names of others who may yet pay to this fund will be announced in the next issue of the VISITOR. The treasurer cannot account for fifty cents paid in on Thanksgiving Day. Some name may have been omitted, or some lady may have paid one dollar in place of fifty cents. We wish the lady would report to us who has not been properly credited, so that we can make the correction.

THE cantata, Little Red Riding Hood, rendered Thanksgiving evening was enjoyed and highly complimented by every one present. Numerous requests have been made that it should be repeated at some future date.

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REV. R. C. ZARTMAN, pastor of the Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, donated 26 copies of his book on "Heaven" to the Grace Church. One copy for the Sunday School Library, and the remaining twenty-five copies to be sold and the proceeds to be applied to the "Zartman Building Fund" for the new church. The books are to be sold at \$1.00 per copy, during the christmas season. The regular price of the book is \$1.25. The congregation on Thanksgiving morning returned Bro. Rufus a vote of thanks for his liberal donation.

This book will make a very valuable and appropriate christmas present for any one. A number of these copies have already been sold for this purpose. The book is a treasure, and should be in all our homes. If you wish one, either for yourself or to present to some friend, speak to the pastor at once.

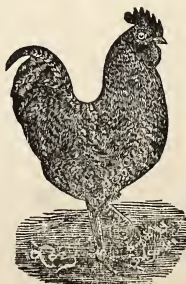
WITH this issue we close the 5th volume of the VISITOR. The present has been a very prosperous year for us. We are thankful to our patrons for their liberal

support in the past, and we hope they may show us the same favors in the future. We are under special obligations to our advertisers, for their liberal patronage. We hope the readers of the VISITOR will remember them in their rounds of shopping. The first number of the new year will in all probability not be issued until the latter part of January. In the meantime it will be in place to renew subscription for the VISITOR.

THE Financial Secretary is furnishing the members with their yearly statements in account with the church. It is hoped that all will be able to pay their obligations in full for the year by January 1st. To meet the current expenses of the church due by January 1st, we shall need about \$150.00 over and above the amounts subscribed. To raise this amount, the consistory asks for a special offering on the last Sabbath of the year, December 31st. If every member will give a dollar or fifty cents, this amount can be easily provided. Let us make the effort so that our current expenses can be met in full by the new year.

THE pastor has a limited supply of the Reformed Church Almanac and Year Book on hand. The members and friends of the church who may wish almanacs should secure them at once, so that if our supply is not sufficient we can order more. The price of the almanac is ten cents.

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"Across the land, across the sea,
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 And in a flood of melody
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 Let sorrow vanish like a dream
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OUR Christmas Entertainment will be held on Christmas evening. We are arranging for some exercises and also a treat for the children. The usual Christmas offerings for benevolence will be received at the Sunday School and Church Services on the Sabbath before Christmas. Special envelopes will be furnished for these offerings.

FIVE new members have lately been added to the Young People's Society. There are a large number of other young people in the church who should be members of the society.

THE building committee will have a meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30. It is important that every member of the committee should be at this meeting. The following gentlemen constitute the committee: A. K. Zartman, D. W. Souder, R. L. Romy, L. Bolender, C. C. Gumpfer, Martin Connett.

JUST as we are about ready to go to press we are in receipt of a letter from Glenford, Ohio, from Mr. & Mrs. W. V. Zartman, containing a check of \$15 00 for the Zartman Building Fund. Ten dollars of this amount comes from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the St. Paul's Reformed Church at Glenford, Ohio, the pastor's old home church: and five dollars are the personal contribution of Mr. Zartman. These amounts came very unexpectedly, but we can assure these friends they are very thankfully received. May the Lord bless these liberal donors, and shall we not, pray that He may raise up for us many more such friends and helpers.

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THE ladies of Grace Church have almost been snowed under with compliments on their Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Geller on W. Washington st. roasted the turkey and chicken, and did it to perfection. He does all his work just right.

THE ladies at their last monthly meeting voted to subscribe for the Missionary Review, and The Japan Evangelist, for the use of the society. We feel confident that this is a good plan. The society should be supplied with some good literature.

THE next monthly meeting of the Ladies' Society will be held Thursday afternoon, January 4th. The annual election of officers will be held at that time, and other important business will be transacted. Those in arrears on dues to the society should pay before the first of January, so that the treasurer can make a good report for the society at the annual congregational meeting January 1st.

EVERY person feels highly gratified with the results of the Thanksgiving Dinner and Entertainment. The net receipts of the dinner will reach about \$60.00. The total amount of dollars earned by the ladies and reported up to date, is \$42.50; several of the ladies are yet to report. The net receipts of the Entertainment will be about \$25.00. These amounts will all be added to the Building Fund, the first two to the Ladies' Fund, and the latter to the Children's Fund. The ladies are not growing tired of their work, and when the opportunity presents itself to make a hundred dollars they will be on hand.

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Dec. 17. The wonderful love of Christ.
 Rev. 1: 5; John 15: 9-13. Etta Souder.

Dec. 24. Christmas Service. "What
 can we give to Christ?" Mat. 2: 11; Ps.
 40; 6-8. Josie Zartman.

Dec. 31. The close of the year. "What
 God has done; what He will do. Ps. 115:
 11-18; Ps. 73: 23-24. D. W. Souder.

Jan. 7. Beginnings. (A special prayer
 service) John 1: 1-17. Eugene Mathis.

Jan. 14. Our temptations and how to
 avoid them. Matt. 4: 1-11. Mattie Monn.

Jan. 21. In what are we our brothers'
 keepers? Rom. 14: 13-23; 15: 1-3. (A
 temperance topic.) Emil Ketler.

Jan. 28. God's promises and their
 proofs. Heb. 6: 9-20. Willis Souder.

Feb. 4. Blest, to bless. Matt. 12: 7, 8,
 38-42; Gen. 12: 2. (Christian Endeavor
 Day.) Rev. N. Bloom.

Feb. 11. True possessions and how to
 gain them. Luke 12: 13-34. Lillie Vorder-
 mark.

Feb. 18. For what does our denomina-
 tion stand? (Meeting led by the pastor.)
 A. K. Zartman.

Feb. 25. Giving our best to God. Mark
 12: 28-33, 41-44. Mrs. J. E. Beahler.

It is the intention to have a Rally for
 Reformed Endeavors at the Cleveland Con-
 vention next Summer. Fort Wayne should
 send a large delegation.

THE local union of the Y. P. S. C. E.
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Brick Builders' Report from June to December.

BRICK SOLD.—Josie Zartman, 36; Chester Drifteneyer, 20; Viola Romy, 10; Alice Connett, 9; Maud Traxler, 10; Lizzie Rudisill, 10; Perry Monn, 2.

We are glad to learn that the Brick Builders are still alive. We hope, with the beginning of the New Year, they will take new courage, and push their work. We expect before many more weeks pass by to begin laying up brick in the walls of the new church. The last sabbath of Dec. will be pay day again. All who have brick money should then pay, so that the treasurer of this society can make a good report on New Years to the church. We expect in the next issue of the VISITOR to make a full report of what this society has been doing, giving names of the Brick Builders and the number of brick each one has sold. Mrs. Charles Gumpfer is the treasurer of this society. Pay the money to her or Mr. Gumpfer.

THE stamp collectors are having a rush of business. Recently, 12,000 stamps were received from Rev. R. C. Zartman of Philadelphia: 1,500 from Edson Bolender, Mich.; 1,500 from T. W. Blair, Fort Wayne. Every person having stamps should send them in at once.

ROSA DUKEMAN has been seriously ill with Dypththeria for several weeks and has been in great suffering. We shall continue to remember her in our prayers and shall hope she may soon recover.

THE Salem Church at Collingswood had a Thanksgiving Supper at the home of Elder Geo. Barret. We were told the attendance was quite large considering the inclemency of the evening, and the supper was *immense*.

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